



March 12, 2014

Mr. Karl Brooks
Administrator
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11202 Renner Blvd.
Lenexa, KS 66219

Dear Mr. Brooks:

As the health care provider serving the community surrounding the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, SSM Health Care has been intently following the continued efforts of Republic Services to contain the sub-surface smoldering event within the Bridgeton Landfill, which is adjacent to the known radioactive materials buried within the West Lake Landfill. As you are aware, the radioactive materials are known to be the residue from the Mallinckrodt Chemical Works contract with the United States government to purify uranium for the production of nuclear weapons. The residue was illegally dumped at the West Lake landfill in 1973, by contractors who were hired to clean up the site located at Latty Avenue in Hazelwood after the reprocessing operation had been abandoned.

Current jurisdiction of the West Lake Landfill lies with your agency under the Superfund National Priorities List. However, the United States Army Corps of Engineers' Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) is currently in St. Louis cleaning up the same radioactive materials from other sites within the area. Therefore, FUSRAP's experience and expertise with these materials and the area makes them the logical choice for safely containing this site as well.

For that reason, SSM Health Care respectfully requests the swift transfer of jurisdiction of the West Lake Landfill to the United States Army Corps of Engineers' Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) in order to determine the safest and most appropriate containment measures for the radioactive materials found within the West Lake Landfill and then subsequently manage such containment.

Thank you for your prompt action and concern for the communities in which we live and serve our patients. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Howard'.

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